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FROM: D. Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor/Reclamation  
Hydrologist

RE: Interstate Brick Clay Operations, Smokey Joe Mine,  
ACT/049/002, Utah County, Utah

On August 29, 1985, Division technical staff and BLM representatives met with Mr. Ron Bauldwin of Interstate Brick and visited the Smokey Joe Mine site. There is approximately 4-1/2 acres of disturbance associated with this excavated site. The site is in the foothills area to the east of Cedar Valley. A Pinyon-juniper vegetation type is dominant in the adjacent area. On the disturbed site there is russian thistle, wild buckwheat, Great Basin wildrye, Indian ricegrass and associated forbs as well. According to the annual production report filed in 1985, there was approximately 8,000 tons of stockpiled clay material removed from this site. The clay deposit is interbedded with limestone stringers and dips to the east. Some difficulty was encountered in reaching this site. This was due to the large basin which must be crossed and to numerous unmarked roads traversing the area which provide access to the site.

There is a \$221,000 bond posted for the site which is to cover a proposed 25 acre disturbance. Mr. Bauldwin stated that for the present, Interstate Brick has no immediate plans to proceed with the continued development of this site. Upon closer examination of the site, it appeared as though there was some relatively recent cat work performed in that some stockpiled material appeared to have been removed. When questioned, Mr. Baldwin stated that some assessment work had been done recently which did not involve any extraction of the stockpiled clay, but was more surface grading and exposure of the outcrop. George Campbell of the BLM stated that they had received a 1985 notice that the operator was planning to remove approximately 7,000 tons of material during the 1985 season.

There was an excavation noted to the southwest of the Smokey Joe claims. According to Mr. Baldwin, this area had been mined within the past couple of years by Filtrol Corporation. Supposedly, the mined material is used as a catalyst in the oil refining industry. Mr. Baldwin stated that the disturbance was on a state section. The files should be checked to see if we have any record of such filing. The site

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visually appears to be located approximately three to four miles to the southwest of the Smokey Joe mine site. The Smokey Joe mine site is located on BLM surface. Two pictures were taken of this site.

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